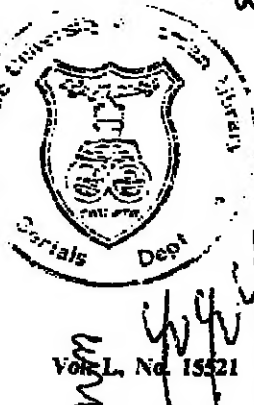


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## Falklands quiet as foes study U.S.-Peru plan

WASHINGTON. — Argentina and Britain are "urgently" considering a U.S.-Peruvian proposal for a pause in the fighting and withdrawal of all military forces from the Falkland Islands area, diplomatic sources said here last night.

No new fighting was reported since Tuesday's air and sea battles, in which one of Britain's most modern destroyers, the 3,500-ton Sheffield, was destroyed, with the loss of 30 lives, by a missile fired by an Argentine jet, and a British Harrier jet was downed.

British Defence Secretary John Nott denied any knowledge of a major naval battle that an unconfirmed American report said was raging in the South Atlantic yesterday.

The U.S.-Peruvian proposal was submitted to the conflicting sides on Tuesday, and was later modified the same night between Secretary of State Alexander Haig and British Ambassador Nicholas Henderson. Henderson was reported to have given a "constructive" initial reply before forwarding the proposal to London, which was expected to reply later last night.

Peruvian officials were said to be seeking a response from Buenos Aires.

At the White House, Deputy Press Secretary Larry Speakes indicated that the joint U.S.-Peruvian proposal is only one avenue being explored by the U.S. "virtually round-the-clock."

Earlier, despite apparently growing pressure from its European allies for a negotiated settlement, Britain said that there would be no cease-fire until Argentina withdraws from the South Atlantic islands it occupied April 2.

But Foreign Secretary Francis Pym was reported to have sent a new set of "constructive" proposals to Haig, who is attempting to revive his mediation efforts despite a scathing attack on the U.S. by Argentina.

The Argentine military command remained silent about the sinking of the Sheffield, but newspapers hailed the operation as a major success for Argentina.

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Agudat Yisrael's four MKs pose with visiting Rabbi Jacob Kaminetzky of New York, a member of the Aguda's Council of Tora Sages, who arrived yesterday for a month's visit. From left: MK Menahem Porash, unidentified, Kaminetzky, MK Shmuel Halpert, MK Shlomo Lorincz, and MK Avraham Shapira.

## Begin: Talks in Jerusalem or not at all

### Response to Cairo's complaint

By DAVID LANDAU  
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Prime Minister Menachem Begin declared last night that Israeli delegates will not attend autonomy talks in Washington or Cairo if Israel's capital, Jerusalem, is "boycotted" by the negotiators.

Speaking at an American Jewish Congress dinner at the Knesset, Begin said that if no talks are held in Jerusalem, they will not be held in Washington or Cairo either. "Whoever refuses to come to Jerusalem bears responsibility for the postponement of the negotiations," the premier said.

Begin's statement followed some tense public exchanges between Israel and Egypt on the issue of Jerusalem as an alternating venue for the soon-to-be-resumed autonomy talks, and on the premier's vow — endorsed by the Knesset this week — never again to dismantle Jewish settlements in the Land of Israel.

High-ranking officials in Cairo said that Jerusalem could not be a venue for the talks because the fate of the city, as an integral part of the occupied West Bank, is a key issue in those very talks.

Israel's consistent position is that East Jerusalem is to be distinguished from the rest of the West Bank, and that the fate of the city is specifically not part of the Camp David framework.

On the settlements pledge, Egyptian officials, including Foreign Minister Kamel Hassan Ali and top presidential aide Osama Al-Baz, reiterated Cairo's view that the Jewish settlements are illegal. Ali noted that this is Washington's position too.

The Israeli pledge not to remove settlements in the future is "invalid," the Egyptians said.

In response to these statements from Cairo, Israeli officials issued a reaction expressing their "preference that such matters and disputes between Israel and Egypt be discussed at the negotiating table and not through public declarations." The Israeli officials insisted that the pledge not to remove settlements "does not contravene Camp David; on the contrary, it is founded on Camp David."

American autonomy mediator Richard Fairbanks is due to visit Cairo and Jerusalem soon in an attempt to solve the dispute over venue for the next round of talks.

Israel-Egypt talks on the still-disputed issue of Tabat beach near Elat, broke off yesterday without any progress announced. A high Israeli source said the talks, which are to prepare for eventual third-party mediation in the dispute, will be "a long, drawn-out process."

The Egyptian negotiators, under Admiral Mohsen Hamdi, spent yesterday in Tel Aviv, and there were informal discussions between Hamdi and Israel's chief negotiator, Tat-Aluf Dov Sion. Last night the Egyptian team flew home.

The two sides were discussing arrangements for supervision of the disputed area by the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO), pending a final resolution of its sovereignty.

Egypt is anxious that the MFO maintain close supervision over Tabat to ensure that Israel initiates no new construction projects beyond the ongoing building of a hotel on the beach.

The Egypt-Israel interim agreement of last week specifically forbade "new construction projects." The agreement also specified that the temporary arrangements... shall not be deemed to affect the position of either party or prejudice their outcome.

This means that supervision of Tabat by soldiers and officers of the MFO during the interim period cannot be construed as designating the area part of "Zone C," and therefore Egyptian, rather than "Zone D," on the Egyptian side of the border, is policed by soldiers of the Multinational Force. "Zone D" is policed by officers of the (nominally separate) Observers.

## Eitan: Unrest in areas is incited

By ASHER WALLFISH  
Post Knesset Correspondent

Chief of Staff Rav Aluf Rafael Eitan said yesterday that it is not true the security situation in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza District had deteriorated in the past few weeks.

Eitan told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee that what people are witnessing is just another wave of violence, which will subside just as many previous waves subsided.

However, he admitted that the recent unrest involved more outside influence than before and was organized by inciters. Although demonstrators are usually described in the media as teenagers and high-school pupils, he said, many are aged 20-22, even though they might still be enrolled in high schools.

"These are much more of a problem than 16-year-olds," he said.

When asked why the demonstrators shot were 18 and younger, he made no comment.

Eitan said that soldiers use live ammunition only as a last resort after first firing rubber bullets. He said that every death in the areas has been provoked and that no cases have been found in which standing orders on opening fire were disobeyed.

In reply to a question, he said he would not describe the developments in the areas as "civil disobedience," because he did not know the meaning of the term.

Eitan refused to say anything about policy in the areas, explaining that it is not his responsibility. Hence, he would not comment on the activities of the civil administration headed by Menachem Milson.

Eitan came under strong criticism from Alignment hawks as well as doves for what they said was his failure to take measures to reduce tension in the areas.

Shlomo Hillel (Labour) said the unrest in the areas has caused Israel's image great harm abroad.

Haim Bar-Lev (Labour) said that the situation took a clear turn for the worse after the civil administration was introduced.

Mordechai Gur (Labour) said that the security authorities must analyze the developments fundamentally and work out new ways of pacifying the areas because the existing ones have failed.

Victor Shermov (Mapam) asked whether Eitan would not concede that the traditional elements of "civil disobedience" are present in the areas; an ever-increasing number of Arab protesters; growing casualty figures for Jews and Arabs alike; an increasing number of terror incidents; greater audacity on the part of the protesters; and more evidence of non-cooperation on the part of local Arab leaders.

When Yosef Sarid (Labour) asked Eitan to give the committee figures for Arab casualties since the civil administration was launched, Eitan said with irony that he will also give the figures for Jewish casualties (at a coming meeting of the committee).

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## UK's allies urge it to seek cease-fire

LONDON. — Britain came under strong diplomatic pressure from its European allies for the first time yesterday to negotiate a cease-fire rather than fight for the Falkland Islands.

Until now, Britain's Western allies have backed its approach to the crisis with Argentina. While most of them still support Britain's fundamental claim, however, they have become alarmed at the loss of life and the ferocity of the sea battles in the South Atlantic.

Most significantly, the German Federal Republic and France, two of Britain's most faithful allies in imposing Common Market economic sanctions against Argentina, have made it clear that their continued support depends on Britain finding some quick route to the negotiating table.

Italy and Ireland also called for a cease-fire yesterday.

British Defence Secretary John Nott was due to fly to Brussels last night for talks at NATO headquarters with U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger and other defence heads of the alliance meeting there today.

NATO officials said they were as stunned as Britain by the loss of the Sheffield guided-missile destroyer. Its sinking reinforces the warnings of NATO experts that losses of ships, aircraft or tanks would be high in a conflict because of technological developments in modern warfare. (UPI, AP)

## Corfu sees El Al sold if Sabbath ban is imposed

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Transport Minister Haim Corfu predicted yesterday that El Al will not survive losses resulting from a cessation of Sabbath flights in accordance with Sunday's cabinet decision. The government will then have to sell the national carrier, he said.

Corfu spoke at a meeting of the Knesset Finance Committee, as ministers charged with grounding the airline on the Jewish holy days held their first meeting on how to go about implementing the move.

Meanwhile, the Histadrut and the airline staff committees yesterday applied to the High Court of Justice to stop the government from making the move. Their plea will be heard by a three-member bench at a still unspecified date.

Corfu told the committee that El Al is facing "one of its critical moments." It is expecting an operational loss of \$40 million this year, and has an accumulated loss of more than \$160m.

About one fourth of El Al's passengers fly on Saturdays or Jewish holidays, Corfu said. The loss of these passengers as well as cargo flown on the flights would cause an additional \$30m. to \$40m. loss. The airline cannot bear such heavy losses, and "in my opinion there would be no alternative but to sell El Al," he said.

Asked whether he had contacted potential buyers, the minister said: "No. It's not practical yet."

But the chairman of El Al's board of directors, Nahman Perel, has secretly appointed a small top-level committee to examine the possibility of introducing some changes in the airline, and of selling half its shares to the public and to El Al employees, a reliable source in the airline said. Israel would then continue to have a national carrier, and the workers would have a greater incentive to help it out.

Supreme Court Justice Yehuda Cohen decided that the workers' plea to the high court of justice will be heard by three justices, and that Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir will be invited to reply on behalf of the government.

The workers' attorneys, Dror Hoter-Yishai and Eli Meital, contended that the cabinet's decision violates paragraph four of the Government Corporations Law, under which state-owned companies are to be run as private businesses unless the Knesset Finance Committee votes otherwise.

Moreover, the Tel Aviv District Labour Court had previously issued an injunction stating that changes in work procedures must be coordinated with the staff, the lawyers said, but that was not done. They also claimed that when the workers accepted cuts in pay and fringe benefits to help the airline out,

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## Arrests and shots in Bethlehem camps

Jerusalem Post Reporter

There were only minor incidents in Judea and Samaria yesterday. There were demonstrations at the Dahsheita and Aida refugee camps in Bethlehem and several arrests were made. At El Yabrud, soldiers fired in the air to disperse a demonstration. Residents of El-Bireh complained that Israelis passing through the town in a bus threw stones at parked cars, breaking several windows.

The 14-year-old Arab girl wounded on Sunday by an Israeli civilian north of Hebron died yesterday in the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem.

The girl, Maisoun Kastanawi, was shot during a demonstration near the Al-Arubb refugee camp, during which Arab youths stoned passing Israeli cars. Eyewitnesses say that a man got out of his car, fired and then drove off. Investigators have so far been unable to establish the assailant's identity.

Defence Minister Ariel Sharon briefly visited Nablus yesterday and talked with residents in the streets, which he toured on foot.

In Jerusalem, one man was injured when stones were thrown at a group of tourists on their way through the Old City to the Western Wall at about 11 a.m. Stones were also thrown at a tourist bus near Damascus Gate. Border Police fired in the air to disperse the demonstrators. Two 17-year-old youths were arrested after they allegedly tried to snatch a weapon from a soldier. Earlier in the morning, two dustbins were ignited near the Dar Al-Awlad school in East Jerusalem, and a Palestinian flag was hoisted near Herod's Gate.

### 4 Arab youths killed by mine

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Four Arab youths were killed in the Samaritan village of Yabud on Tuesday when an explosive device went off in their midst.

Security forces said that the youths, aged 16 and 17, had apparently found an old mine and were tinkering with it. Villagers say that the youths had found a carton and that it blew up when they tried to lift it.

## Genscher scheduled to arrive June 2 for three-day visit

By DAVID LANDAU  
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher is to pay an official visit to Israel from June 2 to 4, it was officially announced in Bonn and Jerusalem yesterday. His Minister of State, Hildegarde Hamm-Bruecher, will arrive here next Sunday for preparatory talks.

The official announcement puts an end to speculation triggered last weekend by a report in Der Spiegel that Genscher's visit will be postponed. The news magazine cited political reasons for the postponement, but officials in Jerusalem denied the entire report, and Bonn has now moved quickly to set a firm date for the visit.

Bonn has also denied to Jerusalem, in diplomatic contacts, Der Spiegel's report that German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt said he will not visit Israel so long as Menachem Begin is prime minister. The Israel Embassy was instructed by Jerusalem to query this — and was informed officially that there is no truth to the report.

Preceding Genscher to Jerusalem will be another leading European Economic Community statesman — Italy's Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo, who is due here May 13-14.

A leader of Germany's opposition Christian Democratic Union said in Jerusalem yesterday that Palestinian self-determination "cannot be exercised at the expense of Israel's security."

Heiner Geissler, secretary-general of the CDU, who is visiting Israel as a guest of the government, also told reporters in Jerusalem that "Palestinian self-determination must be limited in quality."

## Histadrut, employers 'near agreement'

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut and the private employers' organization said last night they believed an agreement on wages and the cost-of-living allowance is imminent.

It may be signed as early as next week, said Eli Hurvitz, chairman of the Coordinating Bureau of Economic Organizations, after meeting Histadrut secretary-general Yehoram Meshel.

The two, who met at the labour federation's headquarters here, did not agree on the details of the cost-of-living allowance — when it should compensate for 80 per cent of the index rise, when for more, and how often it should be paid. But each side got a sense of where the other might give in to make an agreement possible.

At the present rate of inflation, workers would be compensated for 80 to 85 per cent of the index rise, it is likely to be agreed.

The Histadrut and the private employers agreed to maintain real wages at the average level of the past two years. Since wages increased in real terms last year, this year's increase will be very small, a management source said. He indicated that the difference between the coordinating bureau's position and the Histadrut's was less than 1 per cent.

The government is considered likely to join such an agreement, the Treasury official responsible for wages Hillel Dudai indicated yesterday. He said that if the agreement will not cause "an increase... in real wages, we will pay it too."

Some observers believed that the threat of staff committees in vital public services to strike next week unless an agreement is reached had pressured the sides to conclude the talks.

## Abuhatzzeira seeks broader base for Tami

By DAVID LANDAU  
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Aharon Abuhatzzeira, the leader of Tami, has embarked on a series of contacts with other politicians with a view to broadening the base of his movement before the next elections.

Sources close to the Knesset member and ex-minister refuse to say "at this early stage" whom he has contacted and whom he "hopes and dreams" of wooing into a broadened political alliance. But they say he is aiming to build up a new "third-force" party that would win about seven or eight Knesset seats and become the major balance between the two big blocks, Likud and Labour.

Abuhatzzeira can offer potential allies his own popularity as a vote-getter, and an efficient, country-wide political machine reputedly supported by substantial and enthusiastic contributions from the Sephardi Diaspora.

But the leitmotif of the broadened party, if Abuhatzzeira succeeds in his plans, will no longer be Sephardi or "ethnicism." Abuhatzzeira himself is well aware, say the sources close to him, that this theme is basically limiting and restricting — especially now that his own legal process is drawing to an end.

Once his appeal (against conviction for theft and fraud) is heard by the Supreme Court, the case will quickly fade from the headlines and from the public mind and, together with it, the allegations that he was "victimised" by the "Ashkenazi establishment."

Even at this stage, between conviction (on three out of six counts) and appeal, it is already clear that Abuhatzzeira's conviction has not, of itself, destroyed his political career.

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## Begin to meet with Reagan at UN next month

WASHINGTON. — Well-placed diplomatic sources here confirmed yesterday that Prime Minister Menachem Begin and President Ronald Reagan have tentatively agreed to meet in New York City in mid-June, when both men are to attend a UN conference.

In addition, the sources said, Defence Minister Ariel Sharon can be expected to meet with Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger and Secretary of State Alexander Haig when he visits the U.S. at the end of this month. Sharon is to attend the "Salute to Israel" parade in New York.

Finance Minister Yoram Aridor is scheduled to stop over in Washington today to meet with several senators and representatives on his way to Costa Rica.

## Jordan concludes weapons deal with Soviets

CAIRO (UPI). — Jordan's King Hussein, lamenting inter-Arab divisions and expressing pessimism about the chances of a comprehensive Middle East peace, says he has concluded a "defensive-weapons deal" with the Soviet Union and will visit Moscow in two months.

Hussein said a reconciliation between Egypt and the Arab opponents of its peace treaty with Israel was "inevitable" now that the Sinai desert has been restored to Egyptian sovereignty.

However, Hussein voiced concern about growing Israeli "intransigence" and Iranian attempts to exploit its Islamic revolution, declaring: "We are facing a pincer: Israel, in one direction, and Iran, in the other. Hussein's remarks were made in an interview with Hamdi Fuad, a correspondent for Cairo's authoritative Al-Ahram newspaper, appearing today.

The interview was arranged at the king's own initiative and it is his first to an Egyptian newspaper in more than three years. Asked about press reports that Jordan plans to buy weapons from the Soviet Union, Hussein said: "We have concluded a deal with the Soviet Union to get defensive weapons and that is settled."

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BUENOS AIRES	18	29	SE	Clear
CHICAGO	10	20	SE	Clear
COPENHAGEN	6	13	SE	Clear
FRANKFURT	9	13	SE	Clear
GENEVA	10	13	SE	Clear
HELSINKI	4	11	SE	Clear
HONG KONG	21	26	SE	Clear
JOHANNESBURG	8	19	SE	Clear
LONDON	11	15	SE	Clear
LISBON	11	15	SE	Clear
MADRID	9	18	SE	Clear
MONTREAL	8	18	SE	Cloudy
NEW YORK	11	21	SE	Clear
OSLO	8	11	SE	Clear
PARIS	8	14	SE	Clear
RIO DE JANEIRO	14	27	SE	Clear
SAO PAULO	13	17	SE	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	4	10	SE	Clear
TOKYO	16	21	SE	Clear
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## THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to fair with slight rise in temperatures.

	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	55	8-18	22
Golan	48	9-22	23
Nahariya	69	13-22	23
Safed	60	8-20	21
Haifa Port	50	18-24	23
Tiberias	44	13-25	29
Nazareth	56	11-22	22
Afula	50	11-22	24
Shomron	59	12-20	21
Tel Aviv	66	13-23	23
B-G Airport	60	13-22	24
Jericho	33	12-29	31
Beza	67	13-21	23
Gaza	30	10-24	25
Eilat	16	16-30	31

## SOCIAL &amp; PERSONAL

South African Ambassador Derek S. Franklin yesterday participated in the dedication of the Morris and Helen Mauerberger Chair in Agricultural Entomology at the Hebrew University's Faculty of Agriculture in Rehovot. Also participating in the ceremony were Mr. Sam Yach, Chairman of the Mauerberger Foundation Fund, and members of the Morris and Helen Mauerberger family. The inaugural lecture was delivered by Prof. Isaac Harpaz.

## ARRIVALS

Minister of Defense Yitzhak Mordechai arrived in Jerusalem yesterday to visit relatives and friends.

## Bar-Kochba people's reburial next week

Eighteen captives will bear three coffins containing what have been declared to be the remains of the women, children and men who fought with Bar-Kochba against the Romans at the state funeral in a remote area in the Judean Desert next Tuesday, the Israel Defense Forces weekly, *Bamahaneh*, reported yesterday.

The coffins, a military honour guard and 200 persons attending the funeral will be flown to the Nahal Hever area by Air Force helicopters, the magazine said.

## Thanks to army for evacuation effort

The Israel Defence Forces evacuated from the Sinai 100,000 tons of equipment, hundreds of structures and hundreds of kilometres of water pipes, military sources said yesterday.

In recognition of this effort, Prime Minister Menachem Begin sent a thank you letter on behalf of the cabinet to the head of the logistics branch, Aluf Yohanan Gur.

## Vilnay donates his prize

Prof. Ze'ev Vilnay, recipient of this year's Israel Prize for Israelology, donated IS30,000 of his IS50,000 prize money to the Israel Defence Fund at a ceremony in the office of Education and Culture Minister Zevulun Hammer yesterday. He donated the rest of the prize to a scholarship fund for Israelology studies.

## Deportations for U.S. Nazi war criminals

NEW YORK — The director of the U.S. Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations, has told the World Jewish Congress that he expects the first deportations of Nazi war criminals caught hiding in the U.S. to begin soon, but the process will be "a trickle, not a torrent."

Meeting with the North American branch of the WJC, Alan Ryan said his office has investigated over 500 suspects and won all the cases it has brought to trial. He said another 18 cases are to be tried in the coming months.

Ryan said breakthroughs had been made in fostering cooperation with East European governments in the investigations. He revealed that during a recent visit to Moscow he negotiated the first agreement for allowing the American government to take testimony from Soviet citizens, collecting videotaped depositions from 75 Soviet witnesses.

## MKs go to great lengths in discussing themselves

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN  
Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset yesterday held one of its periodic debates on itself — under the somewhat pretentious title of "The Foundations of Israeli Parliamentarism." The debate originated as a motion for the agenda, presented in March by Ya'ir Tsaban (Alignment-Mafam).

Paradoxically, the length of yesterday's debate highlighted one of the defects of the Knesset: its failure to keep debates within the scheduled time. The House Committee allotted two hours for the debate, but it lasted more than six.

Speaker Menachem Begin assumed responsibility for this. He justified his action by saying that, in

view of the nature of the subject, he had decided to allow members who had not been allocated time by their factions to speak anyway. He did not say why members allotted 10 minutes were allowed to speak for 25 or 30.

Savior said he thought that he, too, had a right to speak his piece on a subject of this kind (some speakers had criticized his running of the Knesset), and that he would do this on Monday. Knesset observers saw a direct connection between this intention of Savior's and his extreme liberality with yesterday's speakers.

Justice Minister Moshe Nissim, who acts as the government's liaison with the Knesset, censured new

Knesset Members, in particular, for their poor attendance in the plenum — particularly when the subject was the Knesset itself.

He said that whereas some MKs were diligent in performing their Knesset duties, for the most part this was not true. Many MKs had second jobs, and he was not sure that they gave the Knesset first priority.

Nissim deplored the "new style" of appeals to the High Court of Justice by MKs, saying that this undermined the sovereign status of the Knesset. MKs should seek relief from actions of the speaker or committees only in the House itself, he thought.

Among the points made in the

debate were the following:

Shevah Weiss (Alignment): Coalition governments were satisfactory until 1977, because the major coalition partner was not dependent on any single junior partner. But in the Ninth Knesset, the National Religious Party was in a position to call the tune and, in the Tenth, Agudat Yisrael can do so.

Yuval Ne'eman (Tehiya): At Yamit, I experienced the army's disregard of an MK's statutory right to move freely in all parts of the country. For the first time I took seriously Menachem Begin's quip that if Ariel Sharon were appointed defence minister he was apt to encircle the prime minister's office with tanks.

## Druckman and NRP move toward splitting faction

By SARAH HONIG  
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — National Religious Party Knesset Member Haim Druckman boycotted yesterday's meeting of his party's executive, indicating a severe widening of the rift in the party. This could develop into a split of its Knesset faction.

The meeting was closed to the press, a rare occurrence in that party.

Bnei Akiva mentor and former MK Rabbi Moshe Zvi Neria also did not attend. He and Druckman said they would not cooperate with the party unless its secretary-general, Danny Vermush, apologizes for threatening action against them for forming a new party. Such a party has, in fact, not been established.

Sources close to Druckman said yesterday that the NRP daily, *Ha-zofe*, even refused to print an advertisement in which he and Neria sought to explain their stand and their action in forming their Shvut

Yisrael faction. The two men were among the leaders of the anti-Sinai withdrawal movement.

NRP sources said they would not be surprised if Druckman and Neria are being slowly pushed out of the party by their former Young Leadership allies. The latter, it is said, feel that the Druckman supporters had anyway already been lost to the right-wing Tehiya party. They also feel that the NRP's future lies in an increasingly moderate stand, which would enable it to wrest some dovish religious voters from Labour instead of losing the rest of their support to the Likud.

According to this scenario, Druckman will be eased out of the NRP, but will remain in the coalition as a one-man faction, possibly serving as a go-between with Tehiya.

The NRP, whittled down to five MKs, would cede the police portfolio to the Likud. This would enable Prime Minister Menachem Begin to do some cabinet juggling, and thereby bring Telem into the coalition.

## Dutch couple joins Righteous Gentiles

Jerusalem Post Staff

Trus and Meindert Zaalberg of Holland, who endangered their lives by sheltering two Jewish families in Nazi-occupied Holland, will plant a tree in the Avenue of Righteous Gentiles and will be awarded a medal at a ceremony in their honour at Yad Vashem today.

In 1943, the Zaalbergs took the parents of Yitzhak Cohen into their

Leiderdorp house — which was situated opposite that of the leader of the Dutch Nazi party — and hid them there until the end of the war. During that year they also hid the De Marcas couple in their home, and later transferred them to their summer house in Nordwijk to ensure their safety.

The ceremony will take place at 11 a.m.

## Movement to combat violence opens campaign

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The *Sovlanus* (Tolerance) movement, at its founding meeting last night in Jerusalem, called for vigorous action against "the growing physical and verbal violence assaulting Israeli society." Tolerance does not mean succumbing to violence, the founding leaders stressed.

The members of the founding presidium are Prof. Andre Choura-

hain, retired Supreme Court Justice Haim Cohn, former president Prof. Ephraim Katzir, Prof. Ephraim Urbach, and former Liberal Party leader Elimelech Runkel, who did not attend the meeting.

About 180 people attended the meeting at the Van Leer Jerusalem Foundation. There was a sprinkling of people under 40 in the audience, but the average age of those attending appeared to be about 60.

## 50 Haifa firemen ordered back to work

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The emergency back-to-work orders issued yesterday by the Interior Ministry to 50 striking members of the Haifa fire brigade will be honoured, it was decided last night. But the remaining 50 men, who were not given orders, intend to prevent their colleagues from going out to fight fires.

"We'll line up in front of the fire engines and they'll have to run us

over if they try to leave the station," a committee member said last night. The firemen are striking for equalizing their pay with that of their Jerusalem and Tel Aviv colleagues.

BOTTOMS UP. — The Public Committee on Prices has approved an 11.5 per cent rise in the price of instant coffee, and a 22.2 per cent hike in the price of beer.

## EL AL BAN

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management — on behalf of the government — undertook to contribute its share in the company's revival.

Management also signed an agreement promising "industrial peace" until December 31, 1984. It too has now been violated, the attorneys argued.

Anticipating that the court hearings will take more than the three-month respite until Sabbath flights are stopped, and fearing that passengers will meanwhile book other airlines, the workers asked for an in-

junction barring the ministerial committee from even preparing the change. Cohen referred that request to the three man bench, too.

MK Admiel Amori (Alignment) advocated turning El Al into a public company that would be free from coalition bargaining. It would not see profits as the only consideration but will also take into account the welfare of the economy and the nation.

Amori expressed concern about selling El Al to private owners, who would see the company as "only planes" and proposed that employees participate in ownership.

## 33 drug suspects remanded

By ISRAEL AMRANI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem police won remand orders of up to 15 days for 33 of 36 suspects brought to Jerusalem Magistrate's Court yesterday following Tuesday's roundup of drug suspects. But the force's claims concerning Operation Wide Eye were already sounding much more modest than they had sounded a day before.

Not 84 "upper-echelon" Jerusalem criminals were arrested in the sweep, but only 47, and six of these were actually locked up beforehand. Of the 47, 11 were not

even brought before the court for remand. Police previously had boasted that "indisputable evidence" would keep "all 84" behind bars through their trials.

At some of the hearings, police detectives appeared confused, and were unable to present convincing evidence which might have kept the suspects in jail.

Almost all those remanded were suspected of dealing and using drugs, and of possessing stolen property. A few were remanded for 15 days on suspicion of possessing stolen arms. Some are suspected of conspiracy to commit robberies or burglaries.

## TV sets seized by fee collectors in Arab village

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Broadcasting Authority staffers accompanied by the Border Police called on 250 families in the northern Arab village of Um el Fahm to collect TV-radio licence fees.

The fee collectors garnered IS20,000 and confiscated about 150 TV sets, as well as other household

goods, in lieu of payment. At the entrance to the village, roadblocks were set up to check for receipts for the licence fee.

The campaign was conducted with the full cooperation of the village council, the authority spokesman said. The day before, warnings in Arabic were broadcast on TV and residents of Um el Fahm were requested to pay their debts.

## Threat of halt in textbook production

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israeli publishers are threatening to stop producing textbooks because they are not permitted to charge enough for them to keep pace with the rising costs of production.

Members of the Israeli Publishers Association will meet here today in an emergency session to seek solutions to the problem. They contend that the Ministry of Education and Culture, which is responsible for textbooks, is not giving sufficient attention to their difficulties. The publishers warn that there may be shortages of textbooks next September if they are not permitted to raise their prices.

## Police give chase to stolen tractor

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Police fired warning shots yesterday at a tractor tearing along roads in the Triangle, its driver ignoring all orders to stop.

The chase, which began in the village of Taiba, ended near Anabta in Samaria after the air went out of the tractor's wheels.

The driver, Mussa Abu Hadid, had stolen the vehicle from his brother in the village of Kalansawa, near Taiba, police said.

MASS MITZVA. — Some 500 Nahariya teenagers this week celebrated bar mitzvas at a mass ceremony at Jerusalem's Western Wall.

## EITAN ON AREAS

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Hillel, Gur and Danny Rosolio (Labour) protested against the insinuation in Eitan's reply and Sarid said that whereas Jewish casualties are always reported on page one, Arab casualties get much less publicity and are sometimes left in doubt.

Eitan got strong support from two Likud men on the committee, Meir Cohen-Avidov (Herut) and Benny Shalita (Liberals).

Cohen-Avidov said he wants to see the situation in the areas such that he will be able to take his children for a stroll around the Nablus Casbah. He said that in 1938, the British quelled the Arab riots in four weeks by appropriate measures and asked what is preventing the Israel Defence Forces from doing the same today.

Shalita said the Jordanian authorities had had no problem keeping order in the area between

1948 and 1967. "They fired shells at rioters to disperse them," he said.

Judy Siegel adds:

Commenting on the killings of civilians in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza District in recent weeks, Begin called the soldiers' actions "self-defence" against "hundreds of hooligans. What should they do, die?" he asked.

Begin was speaking at the closing dinner of the biennial conference of the American Jewish Congress in the Knesset last night.

King Hussein's sending of artillery against "thousands of men, women and children" during the so-called Black September of 1970, and Syrian President Hafez Assad's killing of 6,000 Alawites in Hama last month, which aroused "not a word of protest" in the world, shows the "double standard" in judging Israel, Begin said.

"Nobody should preach ethics to us," he said.



Prime Minister Menachem Begin addresses last night's closing session of the American Jewish Congress biennial convention at the Knesset. Seated is AJC president Howard Squadron. (Elharar, Scoop 30)

## Mubarak flying to Sudan in pursuit of Arab peace

CAIRO. — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak will travel to Khartoum today for a day-long visit and talks with Sudanese President Ja'afar Numeiri, government officials said yesterday.

Officials said the talks will focus on a Sudanese effort to mend the broken fences between Egypt and the Arab opponents of its 1979 peace treaty with Israel.

Sudan maintains a special relationship with Egypt and is one of three Arab states that did not break off relations with it. The others are Oman and Somalia.

In statements published yesterday by the newspaper *Al-Ahram*, Numeiri said the Arabs should end their three-year-old rift with Cairo by holding their next summit conference in the Egyptian capital.

Sultan Qaboos of Oman is ex-

pected to begin a four-day visit to Egypt on Saturday for a similar attempt at ending the Egyptian-Arab rift.

In the United Arab Emirates, the radical newspaper *Al-Khaleej* expressed fears that Jordan may stand in the way of the second phase of the Camp David accords, centring on the Palestinian autonomy issue.

The paper said Jordan is "coming under American pressure" to do so, and that proponents maintain Jordan's participation will strengthen Egypt's pro-Palestinian stand in the negotiations with Israel.

But it expressed conviction that Arab pressures on Jordan, particularly from Syria, Iraq and the Palestinians, would succeed in keeping Amman away from the autonomy talks. (UPI, AP)

## Saudi pan-Arab 'peace plan' meant to isolate Israel

By DAVID BERNSTEIN  
Post Middle East Reporter and analyst

Saudi Arabia yesterday called on the Arabs to launch a "peace offensive" against Israel, saying that this could prove more "devastating" than war.

"Israel is afraid of peace, and that is why it talks so belligerently," the Saudi state radio said yesterday in its main political commentary.

"The question," it continued, "is whether the Arabs can challenge Israel through a clear-cut pan-Arab plan, to show that it is capable of enduring the consequences of peace and existing in the post-peace era."

The reference to a "clear-cut pan-Arab plan" appears to be a reference to Saudi Arabia's own eight-point programme, floated last August but torpedoed by Arab

radicals led by Syria at November's summit in Fez.

The floating of the plan has been viewed as Saudi Arabia's own opening shot in a "peace offensive" — a move designed to isolate Israel internationally by putting forward a calculatedly unacceptable peace proposal and forcing Israel to reject it.

Sudan's Ja'afar Numeiri yesterday also backed an Arab peace move, calling on the Arab countries to follow Egypt's example and negotiate with Israel for the territories they lost in 1967.

In an interview with the daily *Al-Ahram* published yesterday, Numeiri is quoted as saying: "Peace has succeeded in regaining its footing through war and peace. The way now open for the Arabs to begin from the same options."

## TA refuses permit to shift air terminal

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Residents of the fashionable Lamed district north of the Yarkon will continue to be plagued by the sound of airplanes revving their engines in the nearby Sde Dov terminal, following the city engineers' refusal yesterday to move the terminal farther west.

The Airport Authority said yesterday that since the National Council for Planning and Construction decided on Tuesday that the airport should remain where it is for at least 10 more years — there is no

justification for withholding the permit to transfer the terminal.

The current terminal is right opposite the Lamed quarter houses. Between 8.45 p.m. and 6.30 a.m., Metro planes taking off from Sde Dov are towed half a kilometre west to the terminal before they begin warming their engines for take-off.

Shmuel Penn, Tel Aviv Municipal Engineer, said that the municipality wanted Sde Dov altogether, so "why should we begin and give them a permit to build a terminal?"

We sadly announce the passing of

## Dr. ABRAHAM ISAAC (Mitzy) KATZ

of Johannesburg, South Africa — Petah Tikva

The funeral will take place on May 7, 1982 at 10.00 a.m. at the Petah Tikva cemetery, Segula. Shiva will be observed at 3 Rehov Hibner, Petah Tikva.

Deeply mourned by:

Wife: Yocheved  
Sons: Raphael and Yoram  
Daughter: Ayala  
Daughter and son-in-law: Amira and Moshe, Ora and Ya'el Bronner  
Brothers: Zelig and Rabbi Menachem Mendel  
Sisters: Ella Seibert and Sonia Karol  
Illos Family, and all the family in Israel and abroad

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Frieda S. Lewis

National President of Hadassah

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## LORD JANNER

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and  
Israel Industries Advisory Co. Ltd.  
express their deep sense of bereavement on the passing of

## Lord JANNER

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Chairman: Geoffrey Gelberg  
and the Honorary Officers

On the 30th day of the passing of our beloved

## ELSE ROTHSCHILD

we will revere her memory at a graveside memorial service on Friday, May 7, 1982.

We shall meet at the entrance to Har Hamenuhot, Givat Shaul, Jerusalem, at 12.00 noon.

We wish to thank all who shared our grief and expressed their condolences.



## MKs attack fuel-purchase system

By CHARLES HOFFMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Knesset State Control Committee yesterday demanded that the Energy Ministry appoint a panel to examine the State Comptroller's allegations of improper management of the country's \$2 billion fuel-purchasing arrangements. The committee apparently did not know that such a panel has already been operating for two months.

The control committee's recommendations were released yesterday as part of its follow-up of the State Comptroller's report for 1981.

The ministry panel, headed by former state comptroller Yitzhak Nebenzahl, has been kept under wraps, evidently to avoid the misunderstandings that arose when the idea was first broached last fall. Revelation of the ministry's intentions then led former energy

minister Yitzhak Mordechai to charge that the move was part of a smear campaign against him.

The committee said examination of the state's fuel-purchasing and marketing arrangements over the last several months have led it to conclude that the practices, which have not been revised since 1972, require a thorough overhaul and that adequate parliamentary and governmental control over them is lacking.

The ministry panel is composed of five members, including the head of the Fuel Administration, Shimon Gilboa. When Gilboa's officials were questioned four months ago in the control committee about the State Comptroller's criticisms, they replied: "We operate according to concepts different from those of the State Comptroller's office."

The committee criticized the practices followed by the ad-

ministration, which is part of the Energy Ministry, in its relations with the three oil purchasing and supply companies, Paz, Sonol and Delek. It said that the companies' costs are determined by negotiations with the Fuel Administration instead of by uniform clearcut criteria.

It also said that the administration is unable to adequately supervise the companies' accounts, because of its outmoded non-computerized calculations.

The committee also criticized the manipulation of the fuel-equalization fund to provide hidden subsidies to certain types of fuel that did not appear in the state budget. It also said that the practices followed in the fund enabled the companies to enjoy unwarranted cheap credit in foreign currency for purposes not originally intended by the fund.

## Drillers find traces of oil near Arad

By CHARLES HOFFMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Government oil prospectors drilling east of Arad yesterday announced that several barrels of oil mixed with water had been pumped from a depth of 1,860 metres, in the well called "Trunk Tamur 1."

The drill was carried out by the Oil Exploration Investment Company (Hanah) and cost \$2 million. Hanah director Yosef Langotzky cautioned that "this find should not be seen as proof that a commercially viable oil reservoir had been discovered, and we should not draw hasty conclusions."

The find was made on Tuesday in the deepest stratum of the well, near an area that until now had produced several gas fields, but rendered only small traces of oil. Further laboratory tests of the oil and a closer examination of the other strata penetrated in the drill will be needed to determine if the well has commercial prospects.

Langotzky said that traces of oil were found two years ago in a well near the Dead Sea, in the same geological stratum that produced the oil in Trunk Tamur 1. Oil experts believe that the eastern Negev-Dead Sea area has excellent oil-producing prospects.

Investors in the well include the government oil companies Hanah and Israel National Oil Company (Hanah), with a 26 per cent share; Nafta and Lapidot, the government drilling companies, with a 40 per cent share; Paz Oil Exploration, 25 per cent; Paz Consortium, five per cent; and private Israeli investors, four per cent.

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## Burglary rate slows, but unsolved crimes up

By JEFFREY HELLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Crime pays for burglars who break into homes, police statistics released this week show.

Only recently police proudly proclaimed that their much-heralded campaign to combat crime against property kept home burglaries to only a 0.7 per cent rise in 1981.

What they failed to mention, however, was that only 2,891 of those cases out of a total 36,566 reported — one in about 13 — were solved. This was a 0.9 per cent drop from 1980.

These figures are given in the annual report police Inspector-General Rav-Nitzav Arye Ivtzan submitted to Interior Minister Yosef Burg, a copy of which was released officially to the press yesterday.

"We have nothing to hide in the matter," a police official said. He explained that, unlike crimes that have been planned in advance — which sometimes leave a trail of clues — most burglaries are "random" and provide investigators with little to go on. The solution rate here is "good" compared to other police forces, the source said.

Police recently set up special units in all stations to deal with protecting property and ensuring that stolen goods that are recovered find their way back to their owners. A phone call to the local police station will bring police around with an electronic pencil to mark identifying numbers on valuables.

A police spokesman said that the serial numbers of recovered stolen property are sent to the property office at national headquarters in Jerusalem, where they are compared — by hand — to those on file from burglary complaint forms. Eventually, the process will be computerized, the spokesman said.

## Four to be indicted for gangland double murder

By JEFFREY HELLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Reputed drug boss Shmaya Angel, his wife, and two other suspects will be indicted on Sunday for involvement in the "Turkish Connection" double-murder, police said yesterday.

Angel will be charged with the murder of alleged gang member Michael Nahmias, but will not be accused of slaying the dead man's ex-friend, Shulamit Sheli, a police spokesman said. Angel's wife Sarah, whose nickname is "Shamuk," will, however, be charged with involvement in both murders.

Nahmias and Sheli disappeared in March 1981, a few days after police arrested Hagit Waldman at Ben-Gurion Airport, when she returned from Turkey carrying 1,067 grams of heroin in her suitcase. Police believe that Nahmias and Sheli — who were the only members of the gang known to Waldman — were murdered to prevent them from revealing the identities of the others.

State's witness, Yisrael Yeshurun, Angel's right-hand man, and another gang member, Nahum Klimon, helped investigators break the case, police sources have said.

Another murder indictment for involvement in the killing of Nahmias will be handed down against Mordechai Rubin, also a member of the gang, the spokesman said. Haim Shushan, who has been charged with the August 1981 murder of reputed Haifa underworld boss Yitzhak "Ika" Touboul, will be indicted for participation in the slaying of both Nahmias and Sheli.

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## Ferry to connect Haifa, Port Said

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A regular passenger sea route between Israel and Egypt is to be inaugurated in the middle of next month by the ferry Peace Pioneer. The ship, operated by the Cyprus-based Peace Line, will make three round-trips weekly between Haifa and Port Said.

The president of the Israeli branch of the Peace Line, Ben-Zion Spector, told a press conference yesterday he is confident that the new sea link will boost Egyptian tourism to Israel. An Egyptian travel agent has undertaken to buy 50 tickets for each trip. Spector thinks Port Said's agreeable surroundings and the absence of customs duty will attract Israeli tourists.

Fares for the 12-hour trip will range from \$50 in a deckchair in second class to \$90 in a first-class cabin. The Peace Pioneer can carry 357 passengers, and cars, buses and trucks.

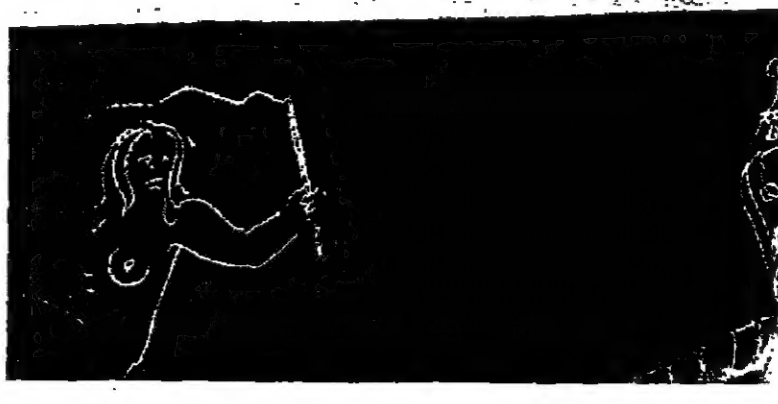
## UK Jewish leader Lord Janner dies

By HYAM CORNEY  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Lord Janner, one of the outstanding British-Jewish leaders of this century, died here late on Tuesday night in hospital after a long illness. It was just one month before his 90th birthday.

President of the British Zionist Federation for many years right up to the time of his death, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews for nine years from 1955 to 1964, a former chairman of its Israel committee and a member of its executive up to the time of his death, he was at the forefront of every facet of Jewish and Zionist activity for well over half a century. (Obituary page 5)

**BLOOD.** — Ten inmates at Ramle Prison, including Amos Baranes (in prison for life for the murder of soldier Rahel Heller), were cited by Magen David Adom this week for donating blood.



The President's wife, Ofra Navon, and their son Erez joined the special train from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv yesterday, commemorating the 90th anniversary of the inauguration of railway services in the country. The train was gaily decorated for the occasion by students of the Bezalel Art Academy. The railway was built at the initiative of Yosef Bey Navon, a distant relation of the President. (Zoom 77)

## Phoneless public opposes second telephone for MKs

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN  
Post Knesset Reporter

Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor said yesterday that he has been flooded with telegrams from irate citizens protesting against the House Committee's "decision" to give Knesset Members priority in obtaining a second telephone.

The committee acted on Monday on a recommendation of its subcommittee on MKs' privileges, headed by Michael Reiser (Likud-Herut). Reiser resigned yesterday, stung by criticism from several MKs.

Although reported as a committee "decision," such a decision is not within the competence of the

committee. The committee's action was rather a request to the speaker to approve the installation of a "second telephone" for MKs who have "only one."

The committee transmitted this request to Savidor, even though Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir has already expressed the opinion that there is no basis in the Knesset Members' Immunity Law for the priority installation of a second telephone.

Article 11 of the law reads: "A Knesset member is entitled to a telephone in his residence, and the competent authority will install it free of charge and with priority over any other person."

## Police receive plea for guns by pro-Israel Golan Druse

By YOEL DAR  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

MAJDAL SHAMS. — Police Inspector-General Rav-Nitzav Arye Ivtzan yesterday said that police will consider individual requests by pro-Israel Druse in the Golan Heights that they be given weapons for protection against pro-Syrian elements there who together with religious leaders plan to hold a major demonstration today.

Ivtzan heard the request by Druse Zionist Organization leader Salman Abu Salah, but said that he prefers to increase police presence in the Golan villages, and is determined to protect moderate residents and implement Israeli law. "Democracy is not anarchy," he said, "and the moderate are entitled to the protection of the law."

Police have turned down a request by the pro-Israel Druse that a "religious procession" scheduled for today be banned. Billed as a ceremony to mark 40 days since the death of Druse leader Sultan Basha Atrash in Syria, it is expected by both factions to become the largest public protest yet against the extension of Israeli law to the region.

Hundreds of Galilee Arabs and Druse have been invited to attend the ceremony. Nazareth Mayor and Communist MK Tawfik Zayad will deliver the main speech.

The pro-Israel Druse asked police to ban the demonstration,

contending that 42 days have passed since the death of Atrash, and that the radicals chose today to mark the murder of several local residents by the French in 1925.

Syria yesterday began installing a pipe in the buffer zone, reportedly to provide drinking water to Majdal Shams, in case Mekorot, the Israeli water company, limits its water supply.

In another gesture, the Syrian authorities allowed a large group of Syrian Druse to approach the border with loudspeakers to shout anti-Israeli slogans and regards to their relatives in Majdal Shams.

Relations between pro-Israel and pro-Syrian residents continue to deteriorate. The latter claimed a tractor belonging to their supporters was set alight, and a taxi damaged. On the other hand, Mas'ada local council chairman Muhsein Abu Salah, said "the life of those who are loyal to the Jewish state has become intolerable."

Both he and Salman Abu Salah sharply attacked retired Supreme Court justice Haim Cohn, accusing him of ignoring their complaints before publishing his report on "barbarous" treatment of Golan Druse by the Israel Defence Forces.

A Druse student from Mas'ada village was arrested on suspicion of incitement, but she was later released. No further details were given.

## Law-enforcement bodies prepare for limited amnesty

By CHARLES HOFFMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs is forming a special team to handle the adjustment problems of the 200-250 convicts who will soon be released under a government decision to declare a limited amnesty on the 15th anniversary of the unification of Jerusalem.

Deputy Minister Ben-Zion Rubin announced the plan yesterday at a national conference for probation officers devoted to the problem of the ex-convict and society.

But law-enforcement officials speaking at the two-day conference at Kibbutz Ma'ale Hahamisha were pessimistic as to the prospects of the expected amnesty.

Rubin said that about 4,000 convicts are released each year, many of them coming under the supervision of the ministry's probation officers. But more than two thirds of them end up back in prison, which, he said, means that far too few resources are being devoted to helping the ex-convict find a productive place in society.

Rubin also announced the formation of a Council for the Rehabilitation

tion of Ex-Convicts, to be directed by his ministry and the Interior Ministry, which is responsible for the police and the prisons.

He said that had such a coordinating and planning body existed previously, the wider amnesty originally proposed by Prime Minister Menachem Begin, might have been put into effect. He hoped that the council would be able to set up the staff and facilities necessary to cope with the large-scale amnesty expected next year on the 35th Independence Day.

The speakers at yesterday's morning session included the head

of the ministry's correction services, Dr. Menahem Horowitz. Nitzav-Mishne Shlomo Gal of the police investigations division, and Jerusalem district attorney Michael Kirsh. They were all pessimistic about the success of the planned amnesty.

Another speaker, an ex-convict who spent 12 years from age 10 in and out of prisons, was the only one to strike an optimistic note. He pointed to his own successful rehabilitation, and called for a combination of will power on the part of ex-convicts and intensive efforts by probation officers.

## HU governors oppose antiquities bill

Jerusalem Post Staff

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem's board of governors yesterday declared its opposition to proposed changes in the antiquities law.

At its 44th annual meeting, held on the Mount Scopus campus, the board adopted a resolution saying these changes "would imperil the future of archaeological work in Israel."

University rector Prof. Raphael Mechoulan told the meeting the proposed changes in the law would "effectively stop most archaeological research in this country, at least as far as our Jewish heritage is concerned."

Stating that a wave of anti-intellectualism is now making itself felt in the country, Mechoulan called last year's attacks on the City of David dig the acts of "fundamentalist fanatics." These groups seek to polarize society, but, he said, they have failed at least in the university, where both religious and secular staff members have condemned them.

If such groups succeed in getting a restrictive law passed, Mechoulan said, "this will lead to the further curtailment of academic freedom. We must stand firmly behind our Zionist goals and academic freedom. The alternative is academic disaster."

## Israel urged not to curtail foreign press

By LEA LEVAVI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Keeping out the foreign press as a means of avoiding unfavourable coverage would destroy Israel's best asset against its enemies, former U.S. State Department spokesman Hodding Carter said last night at Tel Aviv University.

Delivering this year's Arye Disentchik Memorial Lecture on the anniversary of the former Ma'ariv editor's death, Carter said countries that do that — such as Syria — have no friends in the U.S. "There is a double standard of reporting. More is expected of you, because you are the proclaimed values we share. The Arabs are viewed as something not exactly human."

## Soldiers shouldn't pick fruit, says MK

Post Knesset Correspondent

Chief of Staff's Rafael Eitan's agreement to send 4,000 soldiers to pick oranges this month has infuriated Deputy Knesset Speaker Meir Cohen-Avidov, who wrote to Eitan in a sharp letter that the soldiers have much more vital jobs to do, to maintain security and to perfect their military training.

Cohen-Avidov told The Jerusalem Post: "I would never agree to having a son of mine in uniform sent to pick fruit. It would be a dangerous precedent. Next thing they'll be sent to collect the garbage."

(Because of a shortage of Arab pickers from the administered areas, Deputy Agriculture Minister Pessah Grupper this week persuaded Eitan and Defence Minister Ariel Sharon to supply 4,000 soldier-pickers, whose wages would go to the Israel Defence Fund — LIBI).

Cohen-Avidov said that suitably chosen prison convicts could be sent to pick the fruit and their wages could be held for them, linked to the index, until their discharge. He wrote Interior Minister Yosef Burg, who is responsible for the prisons.

## Murder suspects: We watched 'Dallas'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The three men suspected of fatally shooting Amos Messias and wounding his brother Moshe two weeks ago, told a Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court judge yesterday they were watching the TV programme Dallas when the pair was gunned down.

But Judge Elihu Matza ordered brothers Shimon and Shlomo Peretz held for another 15 days and Eitan Bouzgaio for an additional 10. The suspects are residents of the Hatikva quarter.

The Messiases were ambushed as they were driving on Derech Lod, near the Hatikva quarter, at about 10 p.m. on April 18. Bullets fired from a passing car killed Amos and seriously wounded Moshe.

Police believe the motive for the shooting was a gangland fight for control of drug territory in southern Tel Aviv. A large amount of foreign and local currency was found in the bloodstained interior of the Messias' car, leading investigators to

believe the brothers were on their way to buy narcotics.

Lawyers for the three said their clients were watching Dallas at the time of the shooting, and that Bouzgaio had filled nine pages of a statement he made to police with a description of the television episode.

Yehzekel Aslan, himself a victim of a gangland slaying attempt earlier this year, was released from police custody on Monday.

## Cash and oil cans taken in petrol station heist

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Five masked men held up a petrol station in the village of Taiba yesterday, stealing IS1,000 and cans of oil worth IS175,000, which they loaded onto a truck.

Police found the truck in Petah Tikva, and all but one can of oil in an orchard in the village of Tira, near Taiba. Two men have been arrested.

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## Hunting the big givers

By JUDY SIEGEL  
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Robert Loup, newly elected UJA national chairman of the UJA.

DENVER is the hometown of Robert Loup, at 52 the newly elected national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, and this should do away with the notion that New York City is synonymous with "the American Jewish community."

Loup is the president of a Colorado construction company specializing in shopping centres, but he is likely to spend most of the next two years in Manhattan, since UJA headquarters and the rest of the national Jewish establishment are still in New York.

His hometown has 42,000 Jews in a population of 1.6 million; fewer than half of them identify with the organized Jewish community. Half of Denver's Jews moved there in the past decade; and many of them have intermarried. Thus, the Jewish demographics of the Mile High City follow growing trends among American Jewry — trends that will affect the future of the UJA.

Loup, a tall, lean, soft-spoken man, says demographics also indicate that young Jews are going into salaried professions, rather than running their own businesses. "We won't see so many 'big givers' in the future. We'll have to spread the giving around among many more."

According to the UJA, 18 per cent of their donors contribute a full 80 per cent of the organization's collections, which last year totalled \$530m.

The role of women in fund-raising is also changing, and here Denver may be the trend-setter. Loup's wife, Charlene, also a native of the city, is this year's chairman of the city's Jewish federation campaign. (Loup himself held the volunteer job in 1974.) While a few other cities around the U.S. also have had women chairing their local UJA campaigns, Charlene Loup is the first to do so in Denver.

Because of such trends, the UJA — whose funds go to Israeli educational, health and social services, as well as to a number of international Jewish relief organizations — has opened a "new gift department" to encourage young people and other "never-givers" to get involved by contributing and identifying with the Jewish community.

Loup, who first got involved in his community's local campaign as a result of the Six Day War, is well aware that "we sometimes frighten people away by making them think that we're only after their money." The UJA he says, is interested in "raising Jews through education as much as in raising money."

THE OLD fund-raising approach of appealing to the guilt feelings of American Jews who were unscathed by the Holocaust is outdated. "Sure, fund-raising is easier if you talk of guilt or slams or terrorism," says Loup. "But getting people to respond with money to ease their conscience is a short-term approach. A better way is to tell them the positive story of perpetuating Jewish survival, of presenting Jewishness as a positive, rather than a negative, thing." He concedes that the UJA in the past has inadvertently made Israel look like a country of unfortunates in order to increase contributions.

Project Renewal has "unfortunately been presented that way, but more by Israeli leaders than by the UJA," he says. "The UJA picked up the theme of Israeli leaders, who probably took that tack because that's how they think we respond."

Loup says he "enjoys" soliciting money, because "I'm presenting something I care about to another

Jews who can give much more than they have in the past. In addition, Jews living in outlying areas will be flown into base cities, where they will be told about the importance of donations. It will be done, says the new national chairman, in good taste, giving the potential donors a feeling that they are making an important contribution.

Then, in October, some 1,000 givers and top fund-raising leaders of local Jewish communities will be flown to Israel for a large gathering. Organized community by community, they will tour Project Renewal neighbourhoods and walk to the Western Wall in an expression of solidarity. The minimum contribution for the donors will be \$10,000, thus making the gathering an expanded UJA President's Mission.

"WE NEED this liftoff more to get our UJA leadership perked up than to get the donors excited. If it doesn't work, we'll have to think of something else." As for the Prime Minister's Mission, which began nine years ago, Loup will not now say whether it will be held again next year.

He doesn't think that the policies of the Israeli government affect contributions in the U.S. "Just as there are those who complain about what's happening in the West Bank, there are those who argue that Begin hasn't gone far enough." For himself, Loup has bound himself not to criticize publicly Israel's policies. "I'm not enough of an expert to tell Israel what to do," he concludes.

## Golden mean

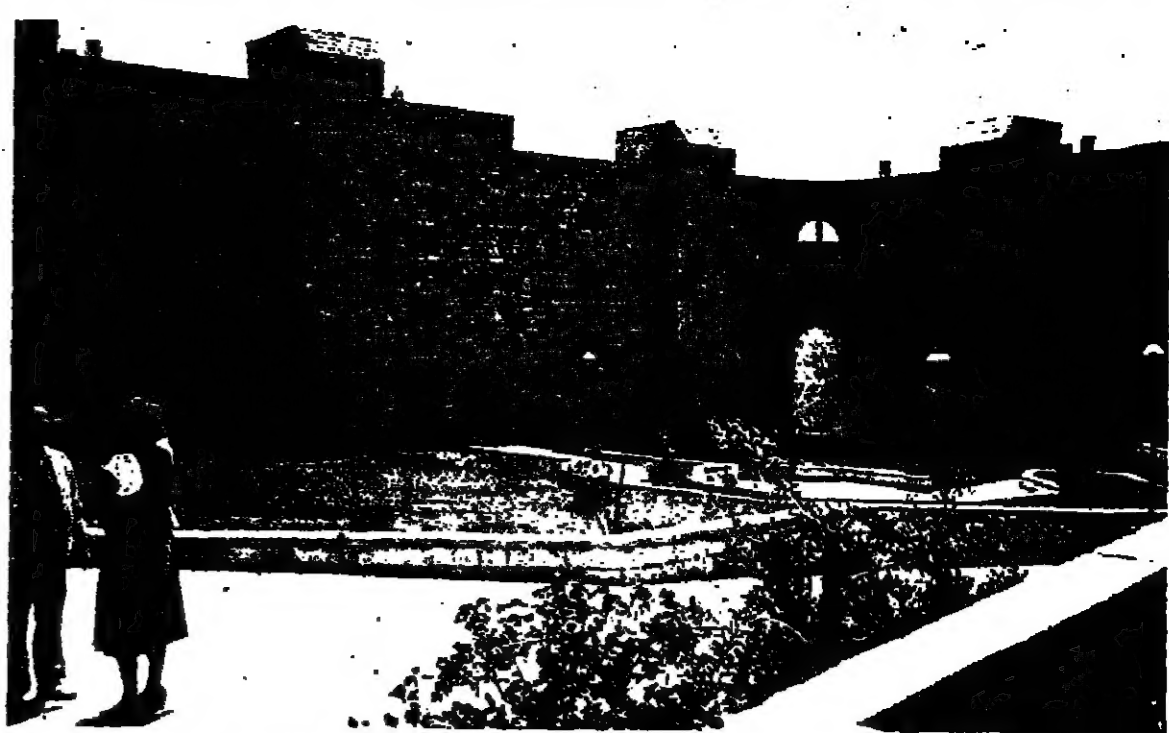
By CHARLES HOFFMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

AN INNOVATIVE solution to the housing problems of the elderly, which takes a middle path between the trials of independent living and expensive, unnecessary institutionalization, is now available in Jerusalem's Gilo neighbourhood.

The central aim of the Gilo project is to provide quality flats for about 70 selected, needy tenants within a regular residential area, while catering to their special needs with supplementary social, medical and personal services.

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Ground-floor flats for the elderly in Jerusalem's Gilo neighbourhood. Paths are without steps.

elderly resident's flat with that of the house-mother. A club to be run by the Gilo community centre, will serve as a social centre for the elderly in this project as well as the rest of the neighbourhood.

The project is located near several bus lines and is about 15 minutes' walk from the shopping centre. Pathways without stairs, and ramps at the entrances to buildings, make access easier.

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## Lord Janner, 89

By HYAM CORNEY and ALEXANDER ZVIELI

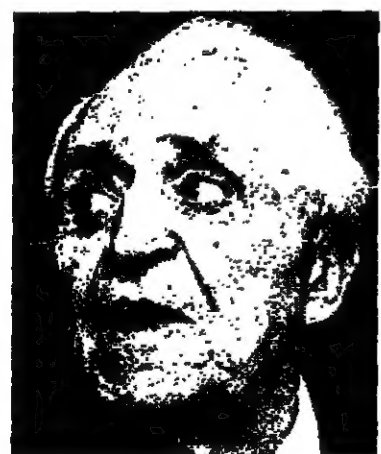
Lord Janner, president of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and a former president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, was for well over half a century one of the most prominent leaders of English Jewry. In 1961, a long-standing member of Parliament for what must have been one of the least Jewish constituencies in the country, he was knighted in recognition of his devoted services to English Jewry.

Barnett Janner was born on June 20, 1892 in Wales, where he grew up in a largely non-Jewish environment. He served in the British Army in World War I in France and Belgium, and was gassed, resulting in a health problem that affected him throughout his life. But it never prevented him from working tirelessly for Jewish causes.

A solicitor by profession, he became active in Jewish and political life in the 1930s in the East End of London, involved in the fight against fascist activity by Oswald Mosley and his mobs. He was elected a Liberal MP for Whitechapel in 1931, and held that post until 1935, when he was defeated. He next entered Parliament after the war, as a Labour MP for Leicester West.

He represented that constituency until 1970, when he was elevated to the peerage (he had been made a knight 10 years earlier). He was as active and as vocal in the House of Lords as he had been in the Commons, and never missed a debate or question time when Israel or the Middle East was likely to be raised.

But he did not confine his parliamentary activity to Jewish causes. He led the British delegation to the later-Parliamentary Union conference in Japan in 1974,



and was also a member of IPU delegations to Iran, Italy and Holland. He was vice-president of the parliamentary British-Benelux group, and vice-chairman of the Lords and Commons solicitors group.

One of his last public appearances was in Trafalgar Square last July at an anti-PLO rally attended by 30,000 people. Although 89 and too frail to speak, he was nevertheless on the platform and received a huge cheer from the throng.

The Janner tradition of public and Jewish communal service is of course continuing. His son Greville has followed his father not only as a Labour MP in Leicester but also as president of the Board of Deputies, and Greville's son Daniel has recently been named as a prospective parliamentary candidate.

Lord Janner, whose funeral is today, will be greatly missed. Israel has not had a more vocal advocate in Parliament and the Anglo-Jewish community has not had a more devoted and passionate leader.

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## Lethal force

A LITTLE over half the Knesset "took note and approved" the premier's political statement in parliament last Monday. The highlight of that statement — besides the pledge to ground El Al aircraft on Saturdays and Jewish holidays — was a commitment never to dismantle any Jewish settlements in Eretz Yisrael. A little less than half the Knesset declined to back Mr. Begin.

This was so not because the Labour opposition, unlike the government, is anxious to pull down Jewish settlements, present and future. On the contrary. It was rather because the opposition views the Likud's drive for indiscriminate Jewish settlement in the heart of the most populous Arab areas beyond the Green Line as a prescription for disaster. This drive could either block any negotiated political settlement with Israel's neighbours, or end up the Yamit way.

On Monday, Mr. Begin was again at great pains to dissociate himself from the decision to dismantle the Yamit settlements. The decision, he argued, had really been the Alignment's, for it had prevented a separate vote on the peace with Egypt and on the settlements when the Camp David accords were brought up for approval in the Knesset. The truth is that Mr. Begin did his utmost at the time to impress on parliament the inextricable connection between the two issues — the peace and the dismantling of settlements.

A future prime minister might have to impress this same kind of truth on the legislators again unless a selective policy of settlement, in strategic areas only, such as was recommended by Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres, is adopted — and this despite Mr. Begin's solemn avowal, with the Knesset's approval, that no more Jewish settlements would ever be pulled down.

It might, of course, theoretically also be agreed that some Jewish settlements would remain outside the ambit of Israeli sovereignty. But the no-uprooting formula is a mere euphemism for the claim of full Israeli sovereignty over the territories. To spell out this claim today would be too obviously in violation of the Camp David accords. But the government's official programme promises to raise it — and work to realize it — at the end of the transition period of the autonomy.

This pledge itself, however, is in conflict with Camp David, for under Camp David the parties are obliged to finally resolve the status of the territories — and not merely the status of the inhabitants of the territories — at the end of the five-year transition period. Since Israel's sovereignty claim would require the consent of this country's partners to negotiations, it is clear that it could never be effected *de jure*.

Mr. Begin, however, offers to make it good *de facto*, no matter what the partners might eventually say — through irremovable settlement, now and in the future.

Would the Palestinians ever accept such an Israeli dispensation? Never mind, says Mr. Begin, in effect, recalling an observation by the late President Sadat that, once Egypt and Israel agreed on an autonomy scheme, if the Palestinians refused to cooperate in it, the problem would be theirs. But there is not the slightest indication that Egypt would itself be willing to lend a helping hand in executing such an Israeli plan.

The comment from Cairo on the proposal against the uprooting of settlements should clear up any misunderstanding in the matter.

Washington's comment was not very much more favourable. It suggested that the future of the settlements would have to be resolved in the autonomy negotiations. The State Department also deplored "the overall climate of violence which has been allowed to develop in the West Bank and Gaza and ... the resort to lethal force to quell disturbances."

It was characteristic of Mr. Begin that he avoided the issue of the unrest in the territories in his Knesset address. Some of his aides, it is true, have this week been ready with soothing assurances: the civilian administrator in Judea and Samaria, Menachem Milson, confidently asserts that the PLO is on the run, while Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan blithely states that rioters only get killed by the troops according to regulations, and as a measure of last resort.

In the meantime it has been calculated that the number of demonstrators killed in the territories during the past six weeks has been larger than in the entire preceding 15 years of Israeli occupation. Yet Mr. Begin keeps talking airily of a "full autonomy" forever, first under a budding and then under actual Israeli sovereignty, where Jews and Arabs would live together in humanity and dignity and mutual respect.

## ABUHATZEIRA—TAMI

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Some observers believe the reason for this is that he was not sent to prison — and thus is seen in some quarters, particularly among his sympathizers, as not to have committed a grievous offence.

The District Court judge's observation that this was the first case before the courts involving the system of money handouts by the Interior Ministry is seen in these quarters as endorsing, to some extent, Abuhatzzeira's own consistent claim that he was a cog in — and then a victim of — "the system" (*hashita*).

At any rate, the political movement that was founded and grew as a result of Abuhatzzeira's legal problems now needs to find a more lasting and appealing platform if it is to survive and flourish. Abuhatzzeira himself is the first to appreciate this. The broadened alliance to which he aspires, say the sources close to him, will focus on two facets of Israel's national life:

- Social questions: "All 'new olim,' i.e. people who came here after 1948, are potential supporters of a movement that will concern itself primarily with improving their standing," the sources close to Abuhatzzeira say. By no means are all of this vast target group Sephardim.
- Foreign policy issues: Here the envisioned new "third force" will take a considerably more moderate line than the present government consensus. The sources close to Abuhatzzeira stress this and say his

overtures to other politicians are guided by his own political moderation.

He believes, moreover, that among his own supporters and potential supporters there is a good deal of latent political moderation, that, in the past, tended to be submerged in widespread sympathy for Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Herut.

Abuhatzzeira is understood to feel strongly that, in the long term, the Israelis originating from Arab lands — and especially those from North Africa whose experiences and memories were often favourable — must play a key role in bringing comprehensive Arab-Israeli peace.

"It is not a matter of the so-called 'Arab mentality,'" Abuhatzzeira has explained, "but rather a matter of realizing that Israel must become an integral part of this region." The sources close to Abuhatzzeira brush aside scepticism about his plans to broaden his present Tami party, with its three Knesset seats, into a significant middle-of-the-road political force. They say if they can win seven or eight seats in the next elections — which they expect within a year — they will be aiming for big-party status in the subsequent elections. "The sceptics will be confounded when they see the slate we'll put up in the next elections," they say.

One out-of-work politician whom Abuhatzzeira would probably welcome into the broadened movement, perhaps as its leader, former defence minister Ezer Weizman,

# A dangerous mixture: politics and religion

'A nation's faith in democratic principles and its own political system tend to become eroded when government becomes religion's handmaiden,' says AARON LEIBEL.

THE DECISION by Agudat Israel to press for the closure of El Al on Shabbat and Jewish holidays is but the latest in a long series of attempts by the country's religious political leaders to use the power of the state to enforce religious mores. But neither the religious nor secular parties in the ruling coalition seem sensitive to the dangers inherent in the mixture of religion and politics in a democratic society.

This combination inevitably corrupts a nation's religious life, endangers society's democratic values and structures and produces a secular backlash against religion itself. Unfortunately, these processes have been set in motion by the imprudent actions taken by Agudat Israel and some members of the Zionist religious establishment during the past year.

Religion is ultimately a personal matter, dependent on faith and persuasion. Politics, on the other hand, is public and based on compromise and, in the final analysis, relies upon coercion. For this reason, the use of the state to enforce religious law tends to demean both the secular and the holy.

Government can enforce outward conformity to religious law, but is incapable of bringing about true religiosity among the citizens. It can prevent the sale of pork or El Al from flying on the Sabbath, but it is powerless to enforce true devotion to God or the love of one's neighbours — the essence of all religions.

BY ATTEMPTING to enforce religious laws, however, govern-

ments equate religion with formal, public observance of certain norms. Eventually everyone concerned comes to accept this situation as reality. Religion becomes formalistic and devoid of its true spiritual meaning. The secular community is alienated by the formalism and hypocrisy which it comes to identify with religion.

The freedom to worship, or not to worship, God according to one's own beliefs is a cornerstone of any democratic society. In a certain sense, freedom of religion is the most important of democracy's "freedoms" for it involves a most private area of life.

If the relationship between man and God is brought under state control, no facet of man's existence can be considered safe from governmental control. The politicalization of too many areas of life is compatible with totalitarian, not democratic systems of government.

In addition, a nation's faith in democratic principles and its own political system tend to become eroded when government becomes religion's handmaiden. Will the people continue to respect its leaders, or the political system that brought them to power, when the police are transferred from its vital function of protecting its citizens' lives and property to that of enforcing religious law? What can the average citizen think of a government that passes and enforces laws that the majority of the population consider to be onerous? In such cir-

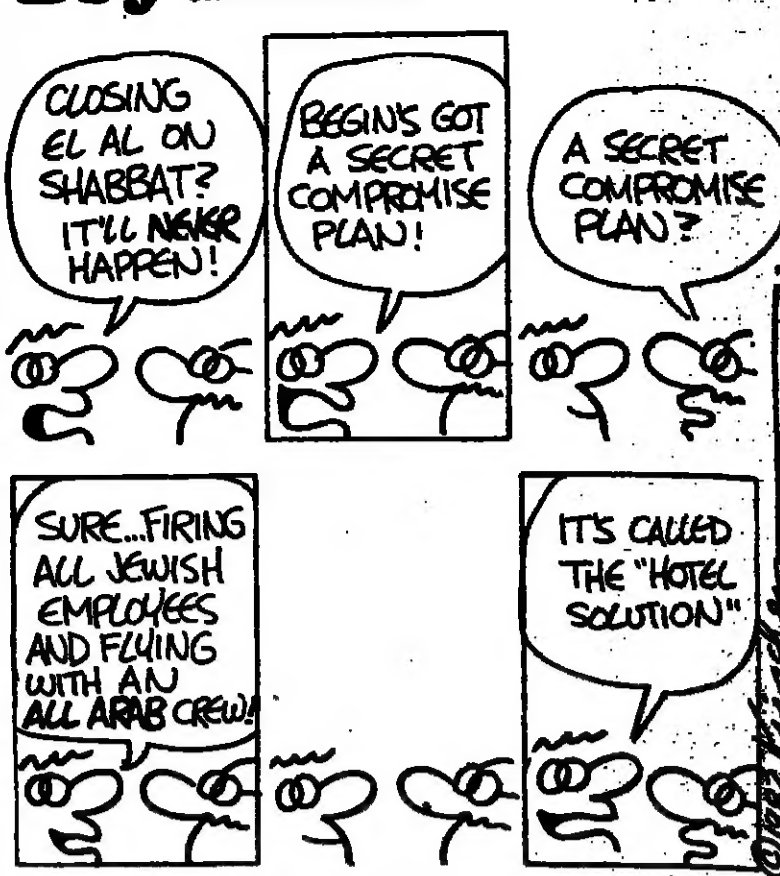
cumstances, the noble ideals of majority rule and minority rights, the cornerstones of democratic theory, lose all meaning.

Finally, political power in a democratic society is a transient phenomenon. Today's majority becomes tomorrow's minority. When the ruling coalition is modest in its demands for new legislation, and takes the minority viewpoint into consideration when making decisions, then violent changes in direction of public policy usually are avoided when the opposition becomes the government party. But when caution is thrown to the wind, then severe backlash can be expected at the time a new ruling coalition is formed.

ISRAEL IS replete with the negative results of the linkage of religion and politics, and the situation has been exacerbated by recent events. Secular Jews are presented with a Judaism that seems more concerned with Shabbat travel than social justice, with bones rather than people. The gap between the secular and religious communities is widening and religion becoming less and less attractive as an option to a secular Jew.

The negative view of democracy that prevails in many quarters can only be enhanced by the seemingly unrestricted demands put forth by Agudat Israel. Worse still has been the effect of the other coalition partners' willingness to sacrifice every principle to ensure that the present government stays in power. The Yiddish speaking, non-

## Dry Bones



Zionist Sages who guide the destiny of Agudat Israel have become more visible, as their party's power has increased. This increased visibility, in conjunction with their continuing demands for new laws that favour the minority religious community at the expense of the majority secular one, will ultimately cause an anti-religious backlash among the Israeli electorate.

When this occurs, the pent-up anger that exists in the secular community against a minority that by and large doesn't share in the burden of the country's defenses nor contribute to its economic well-being, could be vented. All the special advantages that have accrued to the ultra-Orthodox community — the non-enforcement of the law calling for universal national or army service, funding for

yeshivas from public sources, etc. — could be jeopardized.

IDEALLY, politics and religion should be restricted to their own respective spheres in a democratic society. Government interference in religion, or religious interference with government should be viewed as illegitimate. Unfortunately, Israeli history dictates that this ideal cannot be reached here. But clerical influence on politics can be limited by the realization on the part of political leaders that the mixture of politics and religion is a potentially explosive one. One only has to look at the tragic results of clericalism triumphant.

The author is a U.S.-trained political scientist.

## SYMBOL OF ISRAEL

It is ludicrous to make violation of the Sabbath a cause to fight over in the Jewish State, argues AARON SITTNER.

A DREAM I've cherished for 30 years is soon going to come true. Israel's national carrier, those glistening silver birds with the blue-and-white Star of David on their tails, will once again fold up their wings for 24 hours a week, out of respect for the Jewish Sabbath.

I am certain there are many more Jews like me, who have been dreaming the same dream. Indeed, one of the more beautiful features of the Jewish people is — and has always been — the sense of deferential regard most of them maintain for the traditional day of rest, even if in their private lives they ignore its tenets.

I doubt if more than 20 out of every 100 Israeli Jews observe the Sabbath. Yet, the economy as a whole grinds to a halt Friday afternoon, and no religious Jew in this country need fear for his job, because he is a Sabbath-observer.

El Al, as a company, has always been a *rare avis* on the Israeli economic scene. Its workers are among the highest paid in the country, receiving more and better fringe benefits than other groups of

workers. Moreover, the state ensures El Al's economic "feasibility" by means of massive subsidies. Naturally, the double-time-plus-for-Sabbath work is something El Al workers would like to keep.

It could be that for them the laws of Sabbath observance originated not in the Torah, but in the minds of Agudat Yisrael's Council of Sages. They do not comprehend the sanctity of the Sabbath, and see the government's decision establishing Sabbath hiatus as mere "submission to religious coercion dictated by a religious minority in the coalition."

The red herring of "religious coercion" does not hold water here. Even the most naive among us will not expect El Al workers to sit home and twiddle their thumbs on Saturdays three months hence, when the new arrangement goes

into effect. I'll bet my last agora that they will not be dragged into synagogue against their will on Friday evenings.

El Al has become known as a "Jewish airline." As such, it reflects on more than a few thousand employees and a few dozen executive officers and members of the board of directors. El Al stands for Israel as individuals and for the State of Israel as an entity.

That entity — for better or worse — is intertwined with the Jewish faith. And that faith for generation upon generation has revered the Sabbath as a day of rest.

COULD I get the ear of El Al workers, I would try to convince them that there is more to being a Jew than eating cholent or humin, reciting *Kaddish* at a graveside or

donning a *kippa* at a wedding. There are certain requirements in Judaism that may be hard to understand, but they are as eternal as life itself. If one wants to opt out of these requirements, he should do so quietly and in solidarity with his own conscience. To make violation of the Sabbath a cause to fight for is downright ludicrous.

Yeroham Meshel, protector of the Israeli worker, is making funny sounds. He warns the government of an impending "destruction of the Israeli economy" and the "loss of billions of shekels" directly and indirectly, if El Al rests on the Sabbath.

These are strange warnings, because they are inconsistent. If the state's policy is to be governed solely by economic yardsticks, then all

bylaws forbidding "Sabbath operation by industry should immediately be lifted."

Meshel is concerned about the projected \$35m. loss in El Al's revenue. Imagine how many billions of dollars could be earned if Israel's factories and shops would be open on Saturdays and holidays!

When you go to buy shoes and find that the pair you like is too small, you do not run to the shop and have your foot trimmed down to fit the shoe. You keep slugging around until you find a shoe that fits your foot. You cannot and dare not twist, external laws and traditions to adapt them to mutable economic situations.

Consider this: there are innumerable Jews and Jewish-owned firms that have prospered, and continue to do so while observing the Sabbath to the hilt. In fact, El Al used to honour the Sabbath in the first few years of its operations! And those few years happened to be the most glorious and prosperous in the Jewish airline's existence.

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## READERS' LETTERS

### A QUICKER WAY TO NORMALIZATION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: In his interview of April 23, "Faith in peace," the Egyptian Ambassador, Sa'ad Mortada, said about normalization that "... peace is like a beautiful plant. It needs time before it bears fruit." As a retired teacher of horticulture, I know that plants need time indeed to become beautiful.

As a former teacher of physical culture, I also know that sport can contribute a great deal to the rapid establishment of normal and long-lasting friendly relations between nations.

As early as 1923, the soccer team of my former club, the famous Hakoah Vienna (who had just defeated the English Cup holder, West Ham-United 5-0 in London) visited Egypt and played four friendly matches against local selected teams in Alexandria and Cairo. Everywhere they went, the Jewish eleven were hailed by the local crowd and honoured by the highest Egyptian officials.

During the Mandate, we enjoyed excellent relations in sports with Egypt. Palestinian (Jewish) teams visited Egypt and competed there in basketball, swimming, football (soccer), fencing, boxing and field and track (light athletics) events. I remember one such event when I took an active part in long-distance running. We were officially greeted at the Cairo stadium by a relative of King Farouk and the Blue White flag (not the British flag of Palestine) was raised to the tune of Hatikva, played by a military band.

The highlight of Egyptian-Israeli friendly sports relations occurred at the First Maccabiah in 1932 in Tel

Aviv, with the participation of a large team of Egyptian athletes. The Egyptian national flag flying over the stadium was a clear indication of Jewish hospitality to Moslem Arabs in those times.

I remember having been beaten by Sa'ad Muhammad, the Egyptian champion, in the 5 km. race. We parted as very good friends and I would be pleased to meet him again if he is still alive.

I would therefore suggest to the Egyptian Ambassador that we should renew our friendly sports competitions. Perhaps Mr. Mortada could invite the world-known Maccabi Tel Aviv basketball team or others to Egypt.

As Mr. Mortada said in his interview, we are already exporting to Egypt what it needs. But in addition to lifeless items like irrigation pipes or electronic equipment, we can offer you a living export of tennis teams, football, volleyball, handball, hockey, rugby and waterball selections, table tennis and shooting teams, yachting, sailing, rowing, judo and karate competitors, as well as wrestling, boxing, weight-lifting and golf teams.

The Egyptian Ambassador should remember that it was a simple table tennis team which, not too long ago, brought together two of the biggest nations in the world, China and the U.S.A. So, if he does not want to wait for real normalization to materialize like a beautiful plant blooms, he may achieve much more rapid results if he can bring about a renewal of sport meetings between Egypt and Israel.

WALTER FRANKL  
Jerusalem.

### U.S. VOTER REGISTRATION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: We would like to inform all interested United States citizens in the area of Rehovot that the registration for eligibility to vote in the Congressional races of November 1982, originally slated to take place Tuesday, May 11, has been changed to Tuesday, May 18. An Officer of the United States Consulate will be available on that date

at Beit Gordon, Rehov Levin-Epstein, between the hours of 1-4 p.m. Voters from Rehovot, Ashkelon, Ashdod, Rishon LeZion and environs can register at that time. The registration in Ashkelon has been cancelled.

JAY SHAPIRO  
Chairman,  
Rehovot Branch AACT  
Rehovot

### MK ABUHATZEIRA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I cannot understand how Aharon Abuhatzzeira is allowed to keep his seat in the Knesset. Does it not seem strange that a man convicted of breaking the law should be part of the process that makes the law? What kind of initiatives can we expect now from Mr. Abuhatzzeira? Perhaps he will table a bill making fraud and larceny legal!

It is a real disgrace that Mr. Abuhatzzeira should be able to keep his seat. A person like him, who has abused the public trust, should be immediately expelled from all public offices.

MICHAEL LOFTUS  
Jerusalem.

Sir, — I am a visitor to Israel and have followed the Abuhatzzeira case with interest. In any other country, as far as I am aware, no person may be elected to that country's parliament or house of representatives if he has been convicted of any crime. Certainly, no one may continue to hold office if he or she is found guilty of a crime during that period of office. It is incumbent on that person to resign his office.

Following the conviction of Aharon Abuhatzzeira for theft of public funds while serving as the mayor of a city, one is left with doubts as to what happens with funds donated from abroad. The outcome of this case could quite easily lead to a reduction of donations to Israel.

DR. I. HAMMAR  
Claremont, South Africa.

### JUSTICE COHN'S STATEMENT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — The Committee of Concerned Citizens condemns the hysterical and undignified response by the Government to the recent criticisms by ex-Chief Justice, Dr. Haim Cohn, regarding the method of implementation of Israeli law in the Golan Heights.

In the interests of democracy, the CCC demands that an inquiry be held into the allegations made by Dr. Cohn and that the Government respond in a responsible manner.

IRENE MORLEY,  
Assistant Director,  
CCC  
Tel Aviv.

Sir, — What shocked me was not so much what Justice Cohn chose to say publicly — we've been targets of violent criticism and wholesale condemnation before — but what said it. We had a right to expect a more balanced and better informed "judgment" from Justice Cohn.

Before pronouncing his damning verdict, Justice Cohn and his Association for Civil Rights should have considered the situation of those Golan Druse who rightly look to Israeli authorities to protect them from intimidation and violence on the part of the extremists in their midst. That silent and helpless majority expects us to enforce obedience to the law and stop wavering and dithering at this late date.

PNINA GOLDNER  
Kiryat Haim.

Sir, — Somehow, the words of former Chief Justice Cohn about the Golan Druse, which I respect and honour, saddened me from every point of view. But they also confirmed and strengthened my pride in belonging to the Jewish People.

Freedom of speech in Israel can indeed serve as an example to the world.

SHOSHANA HALEY  
Jerusalem.

### DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — A few days ago, the United States, which is a very rich country, turned its clocks ahead and introduced daylight saving time. I for one cannot understand the decision of our government not to do the same and thus save ourselves a few million shekels. Are we so rich that it does not matter, or has our Ministry of Finance nothing to say in the matter?

But there is not only the financial side of the story. By starting work

early in the morning, people would work better in the cool morning hours. And they would be able to be with their children for one more hour of daylight.

So let us do something about it — now.

EGON HAHN  
Kfar Shmaryahu.

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